



## *Families ask...*

### **“Where Do I Look For Help With Childcare?”**

If you think your family income is low and you are employed, or if you are receiving TANF assistance, you may qualify for DSHS childcare assistance.

The DSHS Working Connections Child Care program (call toll free 1-877-980-9220) may help you pay for childcare. Your child care provider may be:

- *A Licensed or Certified Center;*
- *A Licensed or Certified Family Home;*
- *A Relative; or*
- *An adult who meets certain criteria and comes to your home to provide care (such as an IP personal care provider).*

Children with special needs can receive child care assistance until age 18. Information on this program is available at <http://www.del.wa.gov/> through Washington State’s Department of Early Learning

Contact your local DSHS Community Services Office for more information. The number is found in the state government part of your telephone directory or you can search for the location closest to you by clicking on this link: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/basicneeds/>. Call this toll free number if you have difficulty accessing the DSHS Internet website: 1-877-980-9220.

If you need to find a licensed childcare situation for your child: contact your local childcare resource and referral agency at this link <http://www.childcarenet.org/> or call 1-253-383-1735. Childcare resource and referral agencies are located in all parts of Washington State. You can find frequently asked questions about child care at the Department of Early Learning website: <http://www.del.wa.gov/>

**If you have questions:**

**Call your case manager or see our website at:**  
[www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/index.shtml](http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/index.shtml)